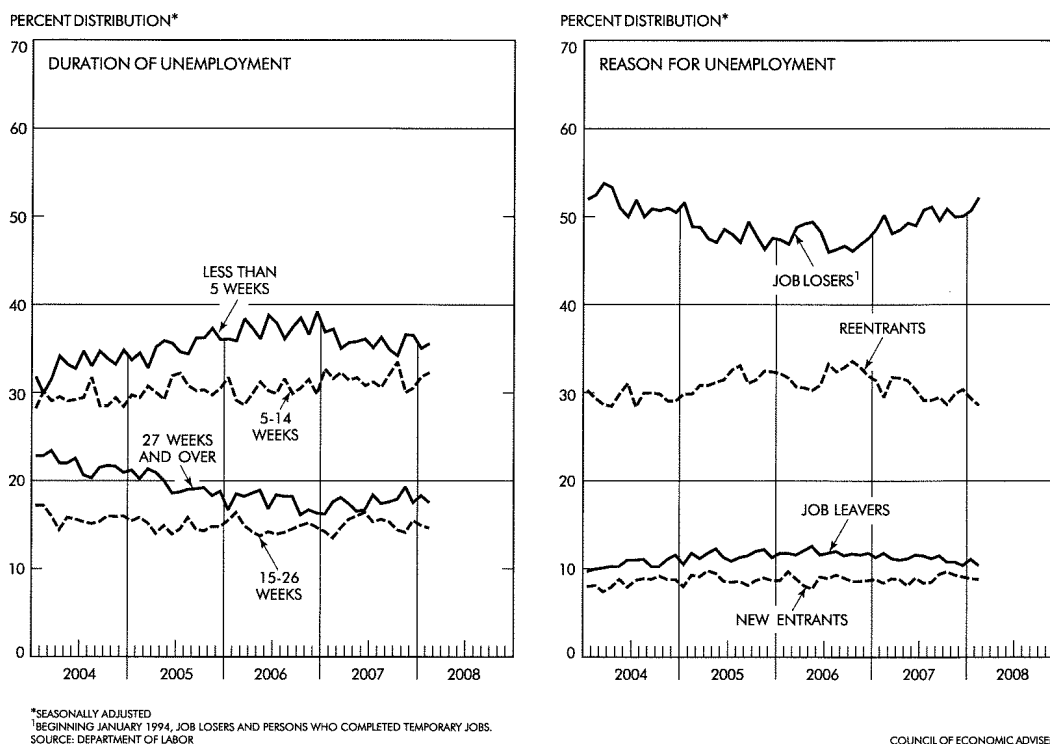


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and 5–14 weeks rose; the percentages for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 16.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 8.4 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thous- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular program (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over									
						Aver- age (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,571	324	2,609
2007: Feb	6,837	37.2	31.6	13.5	17.6	16.6	8.2	50.2	11.8	29.5	8.4	2,553	337	3,101
Mar	6,738	35.0	32.3	14.6	18.1	17.2	8.6	48.1	11.2	31.8	8.9	2,513	317	2,738
Apr	6,829	35.7	31.4	15.6	17.4	17.0	8.6	48.5	11.0	31.7	8.8	2,536	327	2,830
May	6,863	35.8	31.7	16.0	16.5	16.6	8.3	49.3	11.2	31.4	8.1	2,496	306	2,238
June	6,997	36.1	30.8	16.4	16.7	16.8	8.3	49.0	11.6	30.4	9.0	2,527	319	2,279
July	7,137	35.1	31.2	15.3	18.4	17.3	8.9	50.8	11.5	29.2	8.4	2,547	307	2,703
Aug	7,133	36.3	30.6	15.6	17.4	16.9	8.6	51.1	11.2	29.2	8.5	2,578	324	2,269
Sept	7,246	34.9	32.1	15.3	17.6	16.6	8.9	49.6	11.5	29.5	9.4	2,534	313	2,344
Oct	7,291	34.2	33.5	14.4	17.9	17.0	8.7	50.9	10.8	28.7	9.7	2,553	326	2,256
Nov	7,181	36.6	30.0	14.1	19.3	17.2	8.7	50.0	10.8	29.9	9.3	2,606	339	2,271
Dec	7,655	36.5	30.5	15.5	17.5	16.6	8.4	50.1	10.4	30.4	9.1	2,700	342	3,066
2008: Jan	7,576	35.0	31.8	14.9	18.3	17.5	8.8	50.7	11.1	29.4	8.9	2,728	332	3,270
Feb	7,381	35.6	32.3	14.6	17.5	16.8	8.4	52.2	10.4	28.6	8.8	P 359

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).